

# Offender Awarded First U.S. Department of Labor Apprenticeship Certificate

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First U.S Dept. of Labor Apprenticeship presented by Commissioner Donahue and Superintendent Hanlon.

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Commissioner J. David Donahue

Pendleton, Indiana - (April 23, 2007) - Commissioner J. David Donahue presented the first U.S. Department of Labor Apprenticeship Certificate to a PEN Products offender worker at the Correctional Industrial Facility in Pendleton, Indiana.

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The offender has completed his On-the-Job Training and required class work while working in the Quality Control Laboratory in the PEN Products Food Industries plant. He has completed the U.S. Department of Labor Apprenticeship for Quality Control Technician.

"We are proud to recognize our first graduate of the apprenticeship program. PEN Products is in the business of preparing offenders for their release by instilling a work ethic and providing offenders with marketable skills," stated PEN Products Director, Mike Herron.

The offender was congratulated by U.S. Department of Labor Apprenticeship Specialists, his family members and other offender workers from the Food Industry Plant.

About PEN Products:

PEN Products is a division of the Indiana Department of Correction. PEN Products mission is to employ

offenders within Indiana's correctional facilities providing meaningful jobs, instilling a work ethic and providing marketable skills. Click here to visit the site: <http://www.penproducts.com>.

### **About The Department of Correction**

The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 24,000 adult and juveniles in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>. The Department's Re-entry Site can be found: <http://www.reentry.in.gov>.